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REMARKS

The Office Action requires election of a species from the following:

Group I, drawn to a process for fabricating an optical fiber tape core using a nozzle as claimed in Claim 4;

Group II, drawn to applying silicon rubber and using a jig having a shaping groove as claimed in Claim 9;

Group III, drawn to using a jig with a hole for feeding silicon rubber as claimed in Claim 12; and

Group IV, drawn to peeling off the cores from the two-dimensional flat surface to separate as claimed in Claim 16.

The above embodiments are shown in different drawings in figs. 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9-23.

The Office Action indicates that claim 1 is generic. Allowance of a generic claim requires consideration of all claims in the application.

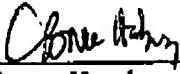
Applicant herein elects Group IV, drawn to peeling off the cores from the two-dimensional flat surface to separate, which is illustrated in Figs. 14, 15, 17 and 21 and recited in Claim 16. Accordingly, claims 1 and 16 will be considered for prosecution hereinafter.

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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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